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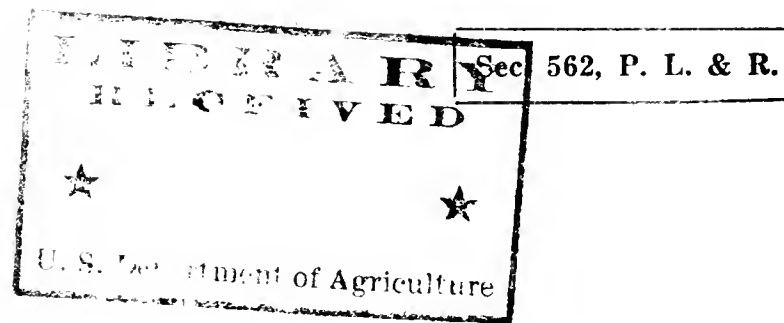
FOR SPRING PLANTING



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Seeds and bulbs are forwarded as ready. All seeds, but not actual bulbs or live plants, are postpaid. Safe arrival is guaranteed. Goods are offered subject to arrival or harvest. All previous prices are withdrawn.

I try to send out only good seeds, but I cannot control the conditions under which they are planted. I give no warranty, express or implied, as to description, quality, productiveness, or any other matter of any seeds, bulbs, or plants I sell, and I will not be responsible for the crop.

Please remit in full with your order, by postal or express money order, if possible. Personal checks will be accepted, however, should it not be convenient to get a money order, but if remittance is made by check, be sure to add five cents, (not 5%) to the total sum, this being about our average cost per check, (not per dollar), for handling, bank collection charges, etc.

Orders of less than fifty cents are filled at an actual loss, and I must reserve the right to refuse such.

REX. D. PEARCE

Merchantville

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### JAPANESE SILVER VIOLET

A dainty exquisite from mountains of Japan. Blossoms are pink in effect, but actually it is a netting of rose over cream. Foliage densities, cleft and re-cleft, gleam as though over-laid with thin silver-plating. Blooms freely in spring, and again in late autumn. Of fullest hardiness. "h" culture. Pkt. 25c.

### THE ORIENTAL LARKSPUR

A rare and highly distinct annual species from Kurdistan, botanically *Delphinium orientalis*. It makes broad bushes of plants, to a height of 28 inches, long loaded with bloom. The blossom color is a strikingly rich and unusual shade of true Tyrian purple, deep and velvety. It is hard to describe the precise effect of the plant, but it attracts a vast deal of attention from trial ground visitors when it is in flower. Few connect it with the usual annual Larkspur, to which, indeed, it is not very closely allied. As with all Larkspurs, seed germinates best if sown while soil is cool. Pkt. 20c.

### THE YELLOW "PINK"

This contradictory name belongs to the one species of the Hardy Garden Pinks that carries flowers of yellow instead of the usual roseate tints. The blossoms, a pleasing shade of clear lemon, are borne in terminal clusters on many spreading stems, over a period of some two months. It grows to about 18 inches, and is fully hardy. Botanically it is *Dianthus Knappi*. Pkt. 20c.

### IRIS DICHOTOMA

Very different from other Irises, with blossoms of exquisite daintiness, cool translucent lavender, with rich brown markings. The flowers are carried in tall sprays, to four feet, slenderly branching, and come in late July and August, after other Irises are done. Fragrant. Likes full sun. Seed germinates quickly and strongly, without special care. It is the one Iris that often blooms the first year from seed. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 40c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 75c; 1 oz. \$2.50.

### HOUSE PLANT SURPRISE

Here you are due for delightful amazement. Seeds of very many different house plants in one great mixture, some of them decidedly unique. Better separate the fine seeds from the coarse, since the latter will need deeper covering. Give them all a fair chance and ample time. Sold only in extra-size packets at 25c each.

MY GENERAL CATALOG, offering seeds of 2800 new or unusual flowers, is free upon direct request. If you are really interested, please ask for a copy. It will be sent gladly.



**NIEREMBERGIA  
HIPPOMANICA**



**CORAL FLOWER**



**OPALCUP**



**TAHOKA DAISY**



**RAPID CELANDINE**



**TITHONIA SPECIOSA**



**HIBISCUS TRIONUM**

**OFFER 1B7**—One pkt. each of seven annuals illustrated above, for **ONE DOLLAR**.

### \*TAHOKA DAISY

Big, splendid daisies of pure blue-lavender, fading to rose, with golden yellow centers that stay yellow. The foliage is shredded and fern-like, the flower stems of good length, and the blossoms carried continuously from mid-June until late autumn. Wonderful for cutting, or in the border. Summer heat does not stop its blooming. A winter annual, and seeds sown in late autumn in open ground, usually germinate strongly following spring. Seeds sown in spring will also give a fair stand, unless soil temperatures happen to be unusually high after sowing, in which case they may hang fire a bit, coming rather unevenly, but quite surely in the end. This is the most satisfactory summer cutting annual introduced in years. Height, 20 inches. Botanically it is *Machaeranthera tanacetifolia*. See illustration above. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 50c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 85c.

### \*CORAL FLOWER

A new annual flower of exquisite, jewel-like daintiness and vivid colorings. Even the foliage is decorative; spoon-shaped leaves of thick, rich succulence. There are many stems, growing to some thirty inches, and bearing in loose alternate clusters, little five-pointed blossom stars of luminous pink rosiness. Then come airy, long-hanging capsules, each like a bead of coral, polished to brilliancy, hundreds of them on each spire-like stem. The plant is of easiest culture in full sun. Botanically it is *Boerhaavia adscendens*. See illustration, page 2. Pkt. 20c.

### \*ANODA, the OPALCUP

*Anoda lavateroides*, the Opalcup, is an annual of easiest culture, likely to show blossom the first week in June from April sowings. Then there will be continuous flowering until hard late freezes in autumn. Here I have counted as late as November 15th, fifty perfect blossoms open at once on a single plant. The flowers are shallow chalices, to three inches across, built of crinkly, lustrous petalage of just that delightful opaline coloring that lies between blue and pink; in sun, called pink; in shadow, blue. Big, bushy plants. Sow any time from April to August. Will cut. Illustration, page 2. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 35c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 60c.

### \*RAPID CELANDINE

Among the treasures of the Celandine Poppy group, this, the Rapid Celandine, (*Dicranostigma Franchetianum*), is, I think, the most precious. Quite surely none of them is easier, none more beautiful or larger flowered, and none can come into bloom quite as quickly from spring-sown seed. It is truly the "Rapid" Celandine. Above jagged pinnate leaves, white marbled on pale green, come slender branching stems that bear repeated showers of four-petaled blossoms, crinkled and silken. Week after week the flowers appear, large indeed for a Celandine Poppy, an inch and a half, and more, across. Bright golden yellow. Easiest culture; sow seeds where plants are to stand. 24 inches. Mildly perennial, but best handled as annual. Illustration, page 2. Pkt. 25c.

## UNUSUAL ANNUAL FLOWERS

Here are kinds that will show quick blossoms from spring planted seeds. Sowings made even as late as July will still give a good season of bloom with most of them. Try them for a "different" and more delightful garden.

**NIEREMBERGIA HIPPOMANICA** — A lovely and dainty thing, with open chalices, sky-blue to richest violet, produced in excessive floriferousness for many months. About seven inches high, and through; mounds of blossom-hidden ferniness. Though usually grown in the garden, it will make a delightful pot plant also. Illustrated. Pkt. 25c.

**HIBISCUS TRIONUM**—Trailing Hollyhock. Great ivory-hued cups, violet patched at the base, and with golden anthers. The center of the plant is an upright, flower-laden spire, but the basal branches, floriferous also, trail off in half procumbent effect. A quick and handsome species of easiest culture. Pkt. 10c.

**TITHONIA SPECIOSA**—Here is the giant of Daisies, and a row of it is a wall of living green, to some seven feet. In autumn come great gorgeous flowers of orange scarlet, with golden reverse. Called the Great Aztec Daisy, being originally from Mexico. Pkt. 15c.

**MALVA MAURITANIA**—Great pyramids of splendid bloom all summer long. Large flowers of rosy lavender, striped gaily with crimson. Always good. Six feet. Pkt. 10c.

**GAZANIA LONGISCAPA**—From wide rosettes of pinnately slashed leaves, these green above but cotton-white below, spread many great flowers with golden petals, varying, though, at times from primrose to orange. The petals are banded with wide and precisely serrated rings that may be either an autumn brown or the palpable blue-black of midnight. This Gazania will flower for many months, even in periods of summer drought. Give full sun. Pkt. 15c.

**ARGEMONES MIXED**—Great satin-petalled blossoms, crinkly and shining, in whiteness of new snow, tyrian rose, palest yellow or golden orange. The foliage, too, is attractive, rich green, holly-pointed, and often with marblings of white. Argemone grows from two to four feet, likes full sun, and blooms all summer long. It withstands drought wonderfully. Pkt. 10c.

**OXALIS SUNSHINE MIRROR**—Another name for it, equally fitting, is Cloth of Gold. The 15-inch plants are mantled in a glorious profusion of little bells that glow like molten gold. Easy, and flowers for months. Pkt. 10c.

**PARSONSIA LANCEOLATA**—Curiously formed flowers in pansy suggestion. The two large upper petals are richest maroon, veined with velvety black, but the four lower are brilliant crimson. Branching plants to three feet or more, blooming excessively early and late. Pkt. 10c.

## ANNUAL PUZZLE GARDEN

A blend of kinds that bloom first year. Many really rare and unique sorts are included. Surprise your friends with kinds they do not know.  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 25c; 1 oz. 75c.

## EASY LILIES FROM SEED

Certain species of true hardy Lilies grow from seed with the greatest of readiness, germinating within a few weeks time, and making sturdy little bulbs by autumn. A fair proportion of these bulbs will flower the next spring or summer, and practically all of them should be full blooming size by the year following. It is recommended that seed-beds in which Lily sowings are made be shaded from the direct rays of the summer sun by a cheesecloth or lath screen placed some 12 to 16 inches above the bed. This shading will not only keep the soil cool, but will help to prevent excessive drying.

**LILIUM HYB. GOLDEN GLEAM**—Waxen-petalled blossoms of rich, dark honey-orange, with amber reflections, are carried in great branching spires. A sure and satisfactory Lily for border or cutting. Pkt. 20c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 50c.

**LILIUM TENUIFOLIUM**—Called Coral Lily, but the flowers have more the red intensity, and the gloss of finish, that one sees in old Chinese lacquer work. A particularly easy species, valued for vivid color. Pkt. 10c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 30c.

**LILIUM WILMOTTIAE**—Blossoms of soft apricot, tinged orange, and dotted ruddy brown; sometimes as many as twenty of them to a single graceful stem. A hardy, dependable, and beautiful Lily. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 40c.

**LILIUM FORMOSANUM**—Known also as *L. philippinense formosanum*. Long trumpets of translucent snowy whiteness, but with rose suffusions in reverse. Often flowers within eight months from seed. Pkt. 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 45c.

**LILIUM HENRYI**—A graceful and permanent Lily of late summer, with willowy arching stems loaded with recurved brittle blossoms of golden amber. Thrives in sun or shade. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 50c.

**LILIUM SHELBURNE HYBRID**—Regale crossed on *Sargentiae* gave us this splendid sturdy Lily. It is much like Regale, flaring trumpets of rose-tinted primrose-throated white; but it blooms later, and is, if anything, larger in flower, and more robust in habit. Fragrant. Pkt. 20c.

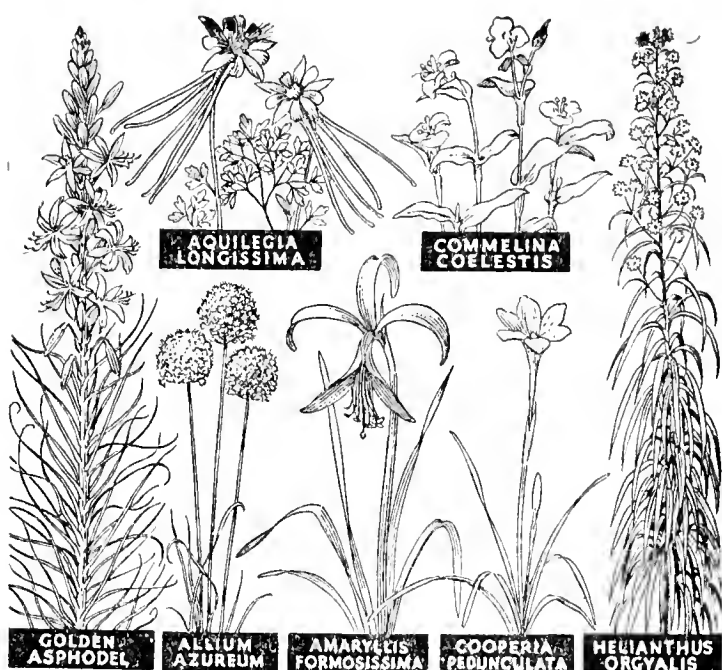
**LILIUM CONCOLOR**—The blossoms are upfacing stars of brilliant vermilion. A particularly easy dwarf Lily for rock garden or bedding. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 40c.

**LILIUM CERNUUM**—Blossoms of daintiest, most alluring lilac-pink, sweetly fragrant. No other Lily has just this coloring. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 40c.

**OFFER 27S1**—One pkt. each of above for \$1.00.

## HEMEROCALLIS HYBRIDS

Here are the new Day Lilies that have of late been so much in horticultural news. Marvelous tones of lemon, buff, gold, orange and copper, with tawny shadings and ruddy overlays. Many are fragrant, all are hardy. About half the seed in this blend is saved directly from large-flowering hybrid named varieties. The balance is product of hand-pollitized blooms of such species as *Dumortieri*, *Minor*, *Aurantiaca*, *Middendorffi*, *Fulva*, *Citrina*, *Flava* and *Serotina*, pollen in each instance, and daily, being transferred with soft brush, from one species to another. There should be rather wonderful variation among the plants produced from this seed. *Hemerocallis* seed grows quite readily if sown while soil is cool, late fall or early spring. Any sowings made in summer, should be in carefully shaded seed-bed. The Day Lilies cut well, and are always ornamental in the border. They seem to have no diseases, and given any chance at all, they will thriftily take care of themselves. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 60c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. \$1.00.



## RARE BULBS FROM SEED

All of the kinds offered here will grow readily from seed. My general catalog, sent on request, offers seeds of many others. See also "Easy Lilies from Seed" in this folder, and Lachenalia and Calla under "House Plants from Seed."

**ALLIUM AZUREUM**—Clear, true azure, pure and unmatched among the blues of the garden. The starry, long-stemmed flower-clusters remain open and lovely for many weeks. Seedling bulbs flower second year. Pkt. 25c.

**THE GOLDEN ASPHODEL**—Asphodeline luteum. A fully hardy tuberous-rooted perennial of quite spectacular effect when its towering spires of golden stars are showing. Even the twisted, silver-dusted foliage rosettes are handsome. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 40c.

**COMMELINA COELESTIS**—Sky Flower. Masses of somewhat Pansy-like blossoms, intensely, vividly, blue, like the deep summer sky. In bloom early and late, flowering quickly the first year from seed. Also makes Dahlia-like tubers that may be dug in fall and stored in sand in cellar for next year's blooming. Pkt. 15c.

**BLACKBERRY LILY** — *Belamcanda chinensis*. Showy orange and crimson blossoms above Iris-like foliage, followed by glossy "Black-berry" seed clusters which may be dried for winter bouquets. Often blooms same season seed is sown. Pkt. 10c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 25c.

**GIANT SUMMER HYACINTH** — *Hyacinthus candicans*. Great four-foot spires of creamy bells; striking decorative effect. Easy from seed, blooming second year. Store bulbs in winter, like Gladioli. Pkt. 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 35c.

**ARE YOUR FRIENDS INTERESTED?**  
If they have gardens, we should like to send them our offer. If you care to send a few names and addresses of such, we will include interesting kinds for trial, our choice, when we fill your order.



## NEWER PERENNIALS

Here are hardy perennial flowering plants that are different, kinds that will lend distinction to your garden. They are not difficult to grow from seed, and seeds that are sown this season should produce good strong plants that will bloom next year, and over and over again for years beyond numbering. We offer the opportunity for a permanent investment in beauty.

**ANCHUSA AFFINIS**—A picture of floriferous informality. All summer, long racemes unroll, each set with little blossoms of indigo vividness, center-starred, though, with white. Native on high alpine slopes, but will thrive in any garden. 40 inches. Pkt. 15c.

**AQUILEGIA LONGISSIMA**—Blossoms of soft canary, with spurs extended to greater length than with any other species. Makes very little seed, some years none at all, so will always be rare. An embodiment of exquisite, airy loveliness. *Illustrated, page 6.* Pkt. 35c.

**CAMPANULA PUNCTATA**—A Japanese Bellflower, quite unlike other species. Large flowers, bells of slightest flaring, clustered and pendant, load the thirty-inch plants for many weeks. Waxed lilac-pink, or rarely white, purple-spotted, and downy within. Pkt. 15c.

**COREOPSIS ROSEA**—A dwarf hardy Coreopsis, 8 to 10 inches, fern-leaved, bearing for two months or more, little silvery rose daisies in utter prodigal profusion. Edgings, or rock garden. Pkt. 15c.

**CENTAUREA STENOLEPIS**—Close clusters of buds, hidden in tangled nests of dainty brown basketry. Each big blossom is built of many crowded tassel and fringing ray-florets, giving an effect of full and charming doubleness; in color a soft lavender-shaded pink. Like all Centaureas, it is delightful as a cut flower, lasting long. Highly decorative in the border, too. Pkt. 20c.

**HELIANTHUS ORGYALIS**—Column Sunflower. First half of the season the plants are grouped foot-wide pillars of rippling, undulant greenery. Then quickly they double in height, each stem topped with a branching four-foot panicle of pretty little yellow blossoms. A most desirable plant for the hardy border, no trace of coarseness, but always strikingly decorative. *See illustration, page 6.* Pkt. 20c.

**HYPERICUM LANUGINOSUM**—Tasseled blossoms of soft butter-yellow for a full three months. Makes yard-wide mats of frosty foliage. 20 inches. Coast of Syria. An excellent species of full hardiness. Pkt. 15c.

**PHYTEUMA SCHEUCHERZI**—Flowers like fairy-flasks of vitreous azure, carried closely in fluffy shimmery cluster-balls a-top each 16 inch stem. Unique, easy, enduring, win-balls atop each 16 inch stem. Unique, easy, enduring, winter hardy. Pkt. 20c.

**TEUCRIUM CHAMAEDRYS**—Leaves leathery, of glossed emerald green, with loose spikes of pretty rose-colored flowers in late summer. Left to itself, its branches spread about with that grace of naturalness that is so pleasing in the larger rockery, but if closely clipped, the plants may be trained to make the most rigidly formal of dwarf edging hedges, giving an effect like that of Box. It is hardier, though, than Box, and far quicker. Evergreen, of course. Pkt. 15c.

**TRITOMA TUCKI**—This splendid Torch Lily will give spectacular border effects, with its oddly exotic-appearing sheaves of foliage, and its many high-flung dense flower spikes; these shading from lemon yellow, through buff and cinnabar, to bright red. It is by far the most winter-hardy of the Red-Hot-Pokers, and may be grown safely well north. Pkt. 15c.

**VERBASCUM PHOENICEUM HYBRIDS** — Hyacinth Mullein. Blossoms of daintiest charm in tall, slender "hyacinth" spikes. There will be cream, apple-blossom pink, rose, lavender, violet, and purple of Tyre, above ground-hugging rosettes of leaves like pebbled morocco. Blooms long in spring, and again in autumn. 25 inches. Easy. Pkt. 10c.

**VESICARIA UTRICULATA**—Tufted rosettes from which rise leafy stems, each with a clustered crown of golden yellow blossoms, like those of Wallflower. Later there are interestingly inflated seed-pods, Zeppelins of Liliput. Pkt. 20c.

**VIOLA ELATIOR**—A branching, foot-high Violet, almost tall enough for the hardy border. It is long in bloom, and the blossoms, of softest azure blue with white eye, are considerably larger than those of most other Violet species. Particularly recommended. Pkt. 15c.

**OFFER 27S2**—One pkt. each of above for \$2.00.

## THE "ANNUAL" PERENNIALS

Of course there can be no such thing, yet this whimsical name does, in a way, apply, since the kinds listed below can be brought into bloom the first season, providing the seed is sown early. Nevertheless they are all hardy and enduring perennials that should live for years.

**ADENOPHORA LILIFOLIA** — Swaying spire stems that are hung with bells of lovely violet, the plants spraying into veritable fountains of bloom. A pleasant, quick perennial. Pkt. 15c.

**CARYOPTERIS INCANA**—Each of the many stems bears successive whorls of dense but delicately stamen-fluffed flowers. In the typical form these are the clearest of blues, but pure white and pearly pink variations have appeared. This mixture contains seeds of all three color forms. Blooms from August to October. Fine for cutting. Three feet. Protect with straw or leaves in winter. Pkt. 15c.

**CHERRY SUNBRIGHT**—Fairy-like blossoms of vivid cherry rose, gold stamened, in sprays that seem to float in air, so thin and near-invisible are the carrying stems. Below are tangles of succulent leaves, like thick green pencils. Botanically, it is *Talinum calycinum*. Pkt. 20c.

**CODONOPSIS CLEMATIDEA**—A lovely half-trailer for the rock garden. Also grown as a house plant, or in porch boxes. Drooping white bells, veined with peacock blue, and zoned within with buff and black. Mulch a bit with litter in winter. Pkt. 15c.

**GRECIAN POPPY**—Multitudinous slender stems, to three feet, carry crinkly silken blossoms of glowing apricot orange all summer long; autumn, too, until November. Blooms quickly and freely the first summer. This is *Papaver Heldreichi*, from the coast hills of Greek Ionia, and the Troad. Pkt. 15c.

**LEPACHYS MAROON AND GOLD**—Here we have handsome oddity; elongated columns of flower-heads, set successively with tiny blossoms, and guarded at the base by wide petal-rays of richest maroon, edged with gold. Slenderly long-stemmed, and cuts well. As attractive as it is curious. Pkt. 10c.

**VIOLA NIGRA**—Called the Black Violet, or sometimes the Black Pansy. The little blossoms are of a rich darkness, as though snipped from black velvet; just the merest hint of violet reflection. Blooms quickly and profusely, and will naturalize. Pkt. 10c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 30c.

**WIND PRIMROSE**—One must see an established planting of *Hartmannia speciosa*, with a June breeze ruffling the translucent loveliness of its three-inch blossoms, to quite appreciate how fitting a common name may be. The flowers are white, blush-tinted, or of the purest of soft pinks, and last for two or three days. Of course every day there are new buds opening, for many weeks of late spring; scatteringly again in the fall. 18 inches. Spreads to form wide tangles. Pkt. 15c.

**WINE CUPS**—The big blossom-cups of glowing wine-crimson have given *Callirhoe involucrata* this name. It is a spreading trailer, making a glorious showing for some two summer months. Delights in full sun, and drought has no terrors for it. Pkt. 10c.

**OFFER 27S3**—One pkt. each of above for \$1.00.

## HOUSE PLANTS FROM SEED

Here are attractive kinds, a bit out of the ordinary, that are suited for pot culture in a sunny window. Seeds of house plants, of course, may be sown at any season of the year.

**STAPELIA BLEND**—For an easy, but bizarre, house plant, try Stapelia. Thick leafless stems, green, or purple-shaded, with flanged and jagged corners. Gigantic thick-petalled flowers in grotesque starfish simulations, cream or ochre, with weird embossings and variegations of violet-tinted brown. Pkt. 20c.

**LACHENALIA BLEND** — Handsome winter-flowering bulbs for the window-garden, with spikes of pendant blossoms in cream, rich yellow, crimson, rose, blue and iridescent opal-like tones. Will flower within eight months from seed, and for a long time each following winter. Adapted to pot culture in any sunny window of a fairly cool room. Pkt. 15c;  $\frac{1}{16}$  oz. 40c.

**PINK CALLA LILY**—This pretty species, Zantedeschia Rehmanni, is dwarfer and more compact than the usual white Calla, thus particularly fitted for pot culture. The flowers may be white with just the faintest hint of blushing, they may be soft pink, rose pink or even rosy purple. It is a color lottery, but every one of them has an alluring beauty. 4 seeds for 20c.

**CACTUS ORNAMENTAL**—A wonderful blend of diversities, kinds chosen for the intriguing interest of their curious stem formation, as well as for their richly hued flowers and brilliant, jewel-like fruits. Cacti grow readily from seed, requiring less care than other house plants, and attracting more attention. Pkt. of 35 seeds for 25c. 100 seeds for 60c; 500 seeds for \$2.50.

## WILD FLOWER BLENDS

Wild Flowers, with a few exceptions, may be grown rather readily from seed, and this is the most practicable way of rapidly increasing them. The folder of cultural instructions sent out with all seed shipments, contains special notes on the handling of Wild Flower seeds, in order to insure maximum results from them.

The annuals in the blends will make a good showing the first season, the perennial kinds in the second and succeeding years.

**WILD FLOWERS FOR SUN**—At least one hundred different and delightful Wild Flowers are in this blend. Among them are Wind-flowers, Shootingstar, certain Gentians, Lychnis, Golden and Purple Asters, Monarda, Solidago, Gay Feather, Datura, Starry Campion, Petalostemon, Buttercup, Cassia, Columbine, Lepachys, True Black-eyed Susan, Camassia, Lilies, Sundrop, Flowering Cactus, Bellflowers, Saponaria, Pentstemon hirsutus, Yucca, Pardonanthus, Wild Rose, Dove Mullein, Tradescantia and many Violets. It will make a glorious showing from early until late.  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 35c; 1 oz. \$1.00;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. \$3.75; 1 lb. \$14.00.

**WILD FLOWERS FOR SHADE**—Woodland Wild Flowers bloom mostly in early to late spring, a few kinds though come later. Here we have such dainty beauties as Trillium, Fairy Bells, Anemone, Anemonella, Violets again, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Wild Geranium, Claytonia, Hepatica, Erythronium, Mitchellia, Winter-green, Trailing Arbutus, Bearberry, Smilacina, Ground Gold, Asarum, Mist Flower, Dasy-stoma, Mertensia, Wild Sweet William and Polemonium, with Celandine, Pentstemon, Bloodroot and Wild Bergamot. Others, many of them, of course. These seed more shyly. Special large pkg. 20c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 35c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 65c; 1 oz. \$2.00.

**WILD FLOWERS FOR MEADOWS**—This is made up for moist meadows, streamsides, marsh borders and other damp but fairly open places. In it are several Gentians, many Orchids, Meadow Beauty, Polygala, Sabbatia, Xerophyllum, Lythrum, Giant Wool Grass, Lance Leaf Violet, Purple Gerardia, Xyris, Eupatorium, Sagittaria, Helonias, Blue-eyed Grass, Mimulus, Vernonia, Pink Asclepias, Lilies, Iris, Meadow Sweet, Pitcher Plant, Sundew, and the like. Special large pkg. 20c;  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. 30c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. 50c; 1 oz. \$1.75.

# BULB FLOWERS

## For Spring Planting

PLEASE NOTE—Bulbs are not post-paid. If wanted by mail, add 5% east of Pittsburgh and north of Potomac, 10% beyond to the Mississippi, and 15% for destinations further west, to cover packing and postage. If no such allowance is made, I shall understand that shipment by collect express is desired. I guarantee safe arrival and freedom from freezing in transit, when shipping date is left to my option.

CANADIAN CUSTOMERS desiring bulbs, will please apply to the Commissioner of Agriculture at Ottawa for the necessary permits and tags, before ordering.

AMARYLLIS FORMOSISSIMA—Garden Amaryllis. Large and fantastic flowers of richest crimson with golden glints. Blooms splendidly, and quickly, in the garden, or may be forced. As easy as Gladiolus, and handled altogether in same way. See illustration, page 6. 2 for 35c; 7 for \$1.00; 25 for \$3.25.

MILLA BIFLORA—The desirable White Star Lily. See description on page 28, and illustration on page 31. Rare. Gladiolus culture. 60c each; 3 for \$1.50.

CRINUM LONGIFOLIUM—A beautiful and interesting flowering bulb of the Amaryllis family, with wide, arching, ribbon-like leaves two to three feet long, giving an exotic and tropical effect. In early summer robust flower-stalks appear, each crowned with a cluster of thick waxen trumpets, white or palest blush, shading to deep rosy pink. Lasts a long time in blossom, and sometimes flowers again in autumn. Seems to be fully winter-hardy at Philadelphia and New York, if mulched with litter, but to be on the side of safety, better plant deeply in a not overly exposed location. In colder areas planting in cold frame might be good insurance, or the bulbs may be dug in late autumn, and stored in dry sand or soil in cellar over winter. Big, flowering-size, bulbs. Each 65c; 2 for \$1.25; 5 for \$3.00.

PANCRATIUM ILLYRICUM—Chalice blossoms of purest whiteness, with long, ribbon-like guard petals. The flowers are carried in umbel-clusters on twenty-inch stems, and about them there is a suggestion of perfume-haunted breezes from orange groves of some brighter sun-land. June and July. Store bulbs in winter. Each 40c; 4 for \$1.50.

TIGRIDIA BLEND—The lovely and varied Shell-flowers. See Treasure Chest for full description. Exceedingly showy. While variations of red, orange and yellow will dominate, there will be a proportion of pink and rose, with even occasional white or lavender. Plant bulbs as soon as possible after receiving them. 2 for 25c; 6 for 65c; 10 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.25.

TUBEROSE EARLY MEXICAN—Flowers that seem carved from white wax. Orange blossom perfume. Fine for border or cutting. 10 for 40c; 22 for 75c.

TUBEROSE SPECIAL STRAIN—Grows taller than Mexican Tuberose, and possibly flowers longer. Blossoms, though, are much the same, but foliage, every leaf, is margined with a sharply defined band of creamy white. The plants are most decorative in border or garden. A splendid strain. 3 for 25c; 10 for 70c; 25 for \$1.50.

GLADIOLUS AVALON BLEND—An actual blending of newer and finer named sorts: rose, pink, apricot, salmon, orange, bronze, copper, tangerine, buff, golden, and primrose, with red, scarlet and maroon. Then there are all the rich "pansy" shades, velvet purple, violet, amaranth, blue and lavender, with others mauve or opalescent; and white, of course, pure or tinted. I make this mixture up myself. Only large-flowered sorts of robust habit are included. It is really a unique blend. Nothing quite like it has been offered. 10 for 50c; 25 for \$1.00; 100 for \$3.50.

MONTBRETIA BLEND—It will give border clumps of flaming gorgeous coloring in continuous and profuse showing from mid-summer to latest autumn. Nothing brighter. This mixture has varied shades of yellow, salmon, orange and scarlet. Do not let bulbs dry out before planting. They can be put in as early as the ground can be worked. Almost hardy, but safest way is to dig bulbs in fall, and store over winter, packed in sand or soil, in the cellar. 3 for 25c; 10 for 70c; 25 for \$1.50.

**CALLA ALBO-MACULATA**—A Calla Lily for the garden, surprisingly effective near pools because of its rich foliage, but thriving elsewhere, too. Flower-spathes of rich cream. Spotted leaves. Each 25c; 5 for \$1.00.

**ACIDANTHERA BICOLOR**—Pretty Ethiopian rarity, easy if handled just like *Gladiolus*. Lovely and graceful cream-colored blossoms, chocolate blotched. Long in bloom. Two feet. Each 25c; 3 for 65c.

## OXALIS FOR THE GARDEN

There is an elfin daintiness about the exquisitely formed blossoms of *Oxalis*, and an unrestrained prodigality of colorful blooming, that gives them an appeal beyond that of many a more ambitious flower. Beside their value for edgings, to which, by the way, the rich beauty of their lush foliage recommends them, as well as their spendthrift flowering, they are particularly intriguing when clumped in the rock garden. Then those who like bedding effects will likewise find them surprisingly good material. They are in flower for months, practically ever-blooming. This is a mixture of four color varieties, deep pink, old rose, white and violet. It should be noted that there will be much variation in size of bulb, since certain of the kinds make naturally large bulbs, and others small. They all fit well together, though, at flowering time. The bulbs may be dug in fall, and stored over winter, *Gladiolus* fashion; or the cost is so low that you may prefer not to bother with digging, but instead, simply to procure a fresh supply each season. 10 for 25c; 25 for 50c; 60 for \$1.00; 100 for \$1.50.

**OXALIS LATIFOLIA** — Rather rare summer-flowering *Oxalis*, of high merit for edgings, rock gardens, bedding or window boxes. Ever-blooming. Clover-like foliage. Pretty blossoms of violet-lavender in great profusion. 8 for 25c; 20 for 50c; 50 for \$1.00.

**OXALIS DIEPPI ALBA** — Another excellent summer *Oxalis*, this time with flowers of diaphanous white. 10 for 25c; 25 for 50c; 60 for \$1.00.

## THE EXQUISITE FAIRY LILIES

Dainty and charming flowers over a long season, with easiest cultural habits, mark this group of closely related bulbs. Delightful in the garden, but will do wonderfully, too, in pots or window boxes. They bloom profusely after each shower. Water well in drought. Store bulbs in winter, as you would those of *Gladiolus*.

**COOPERIA PEDUNCULATA**—Evening Star. Richly perfumed flowers of pink-tinged white, all summer. Long stems. *Illustrated, page 6.* 3 for 35c; 9 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.50.

**CHLIDANTHUS FRAGRANS**—Gold Flower. A miniature garden *Amaryllis*. Rich yellow trumpets, sweetly perfumed. Size B, 3 for 25c; 8 for 50c; 18 for \$1.00.

**ZEPHYRANTHES CARINATA**—The blossoms, a full three inches across, open a rich shade of rose that gradually softens to clear pink. An exquisite beauty. Blooms after each shower from June to November. 2 for 25c; 5 for 50c; 11 for \$1.00; 25 for \$2.00.

**ZEPHYRANTHES AJAX**—Primrose Lily. Creamy yellow blossoms, blush-tinted, in uttermost profusion for many months. Each clump of it becomes a graceful foot-high sheaf of bloom. 4 for 35c; 12 for \$1.00; 25 for \$1.85.

**ZEPHYRANTHES CANDIDA**—Crocus Lily. Large blossoms of snowy whiteness, from August on. Rich green foliage. Edgings or rockeries. 4 for 25c; 10 for 50c; 25 for \$1.00; 100 for \$3.00.

**ZEPHYRANTHES CITRINA**—Citron Lily. A rare species, with blossoms of pure citron yellow, bronze-shaded in reverse. 2 for 25c; 5 for 50c; 11 for \$1.00.

**FAIRY LILY BLEND**—A mixture made up from the six kinds offered above. Here is surprise-ful enjoyment at low cost. Not less than 50c worth sold. 8 for 50c; 17 for \$1.00; 100 for \$5.00.

**DOLLAR BULB SPECIAL**—Here are unusual and delightful bulbs for the summer garden. All are of easiest culture, handled just like *Gladiolus*. Included are 2 Garden *Amaryllis formosissima* (crimson), 8 Exquisite Fairy Lilies Mixed (description on opposite page), 10 Gay Summer *Oxalis* (mixed colors), and 5 Tuberose Mexican (perfume of orange blossom). Altogether there are twenty-five bulbs, in gorgeous color range, for only ONE DOLLAR. (See note above for needed postage.)

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